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West Valley City Joins Local Mayors in Affirming Support for UTOPIA Network in Utah, Announces Plans to Pursue Opportunity to Become Google Fiber Network Partner

West Valley City – At a media conference this morning, West Valley City Mayor Mike Winder joined mayors from member cities of the UTOPIA Network in affirming support for the UTOPIA Network in Utah. Additionally, UTOPIA representatives responded to Google's announcement last week to test ultra-high speed networks throughout the country by announcing plans to pursue the opportunity to become a Google Fiber Network partner.

"If nothing else, this bold statement by the industry leader is telling the world that the Internet of the future is demanding fiber to the home and affirming everything UTOPIA has always stood for," said Mayor Mike Winder. "It is as if our cities have been buying a certain stock for years and the world wasn't sure if we were doing the right thing. Now, Warren Buffet has walked into the room and announced that he is going to buy that same stock. The world is now sitting up and paying attention."

The UTOPIA Network will be responding to Google's request for information, and will seek to become community partners in this exciting fiber-to-premise, open access network initiative.

"The competition will be fierce around the country for communities vying to be chosen as Google Fiber Communities; but few communities are poised like the cities of UTOPIA to offer a real partnership in fiber deployment," continued Winder. "If Google can help UTOPIA further build out its fiber network in the cities of UTOPIA, they will be able to efficiently leverage their dollars to gain access to a large existing network. The partnership would be a big win for Google and for the UTOPIA communities."

UTOPIA is a group of 16 Utah cities – with a combined population of over 500,000 – operating a fiber optic network. UTOPIA operates an open service provider model, allowing customers to choose which provider best meets their needs. UTOPIA's fiber optic lines are connected directly to customers' homes and businesses, allowing for faster services that are uninterrupted by copper wiring or shared connections with neighbors.

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